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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

First of all, the argument that we should repeal the 1996 Telecommunications Act because There is effectively no remaining competition in that marketplace is completely absurd. So, because there's currently no competition, we should make it impossible to compete? That sure makes a lot of sense for those companies who'd rather not have to improve their services.

Secondly, there -is- still competition. I was previously using another internet company who charged me an arm and a leg for their services because there was no other company out there that could provide me the speeds they did. As they all do, they start in with some introductory rate and once you're hooked the prices go up...and up, and up. With no other alternatives, I just kept paying. Finally, though, a competitor did emerge, Sonic. As soon as I heard about their Fiber solution for the rates they were charging I immediately switched. As I understand it, this wouldn't have been possible were it not for the 1996 Telecommunications Act that Sonic leveraged to build the revenue necessary to compete and eventually run their own fiber lines.

I know there aren't many points here, but to sum up: repealing the 1996 Telecom Act is a ridiculous idea in-and-of itself, but is even more egregious considering that there are companies out there leveraging it for the good of the market.

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